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DEPT FOR ECA/PE/V/R/E (CAROL GRABAUSKAS; STEVE TAYLOR);
EUR/PPD (LILLIAN DEVALCOURT)
TAGS: OEXC SCUL FR
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR
FOUR PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES AND ONE ALTERNATE FOR ITT -
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES IN THE U.S.
REF:
POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE FOUR PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. SEBASTIEN HUYGHE; MR. JEAN-LOUIS
VALENTIN; MR. CHRISTOPHE BECHU; MR. PHILIPPE ROUAULT. ONE
ALTERNATE IS NOMINATED FOR SUBJECT: MR. OLIVIER NOCOUET.
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POST-PROJ-ID: 280
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in the U.S.
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:
To experience U.S. political and cultural life through the understanding of U.S. political system, policy-making process, legislation and regulation; focusing on international affairs, financial, economic, trade and agricultural issues through
domestic governance, and rural development issues. END MEMO PROJ-DESC:
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SUBJ-DISC: U.S. Economy
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Sebastien
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Huyghe
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: 234, rue du General de Gaulle
M-ADDR2:
M-ADDR3:
M-CITY: Wattignies
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: France
M-ZONE: 59139
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: + (33) 3.20.60.26.26
M-FAX: + (33) 3.20.60.38.34
M-EMAIL: shuyghe@assemblee-nationale.fr
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: H
GENDER: M
DOB: 10/25/1969
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Bethune
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BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France RES-CNTRY: France START MEMO POSITION: Member of the National Assembly, since 2002 END MEMO POSITION: START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS: Member of the Regional Council of Nord - Pas-de-Calais, since 2002 END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS: START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS: 1995-2002 - Member of the City Council of La Madeleine 1995-2002 - Vice-President of an insurance company END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS: START MEMO US-TRAVEL: - Miami - January 2005, 5 day delegation with French Minister of Foreign Trade - New York - October 2004, 6 day seminar Paris Europlace END MEMO US-TRAVEL: START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL: END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL: START MEMO EDUCATION: 1987-1991 - Law degree at University of Lille Law School - Certificate in business administration in Lille - Clerk diploma at the Clerk Training Center - PhD in Law, town planning, building and environment END MEMO EDUCATION: START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS: END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS: START MEMO PUBLICATIONS: END MEMO PUBLICATIONS: START MEMO SPEC-CONSID: END MEMO SPEC-CONSID: FIRST-LANG: French ENGL-READ: 2 ENGL-SPEAK: 2 ENGL-COMP: 2 START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ: An International Visitor Program for "Depute" HUYGHE would address the MPP Strategic Goal of "Economic Prosperity and Security" by promoting exchanges between U.S. policymakers and an important French politician. It would also help a lawmaker who has already worked on financial reform to better understand U.S. financial markets in order to use that knowledge to "ease the regulatory burden on financial markets."
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ: START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD: Nominating officer recommends a program that focuses on Monsieur Huyghe's interest in financial reform and his involvement with cleaning up industrial pollution. Either an individual or a group program would be appropriate. Meetings in Washington should focus on financial and environmental legislation and regulation. Visits to the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to see the system in operation would be most useful, as would the opportunity to see successfully completed as well as ongoing clean-up operations. Love Canal comes to mind. END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD: START MEMO VIS-OBJ: END MEMO VIS-OBJ: START MEMO VIS-REC: END MEMO VIS-REC: NOMINATING-OFFICER: Richard Huckaby START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION: Sebastien Huyghe is definitely a rising star in the UMP (Union pour un Mouvement Populaire). Having deposed Lille's Socialist Mayor Martine AUBRY from her seat in the National Assembly in the last general election in 2002, he has attracted both local and national attention. A very active "depute", his interests include finance law and the environment. For example, he was instrumental in pushing through legislation reducing the tax burden of expatriate executives living in France in 2003, and he serves as Vice-President of the legislative study group on historical environmental pollution. He is also a member of the group responsible for France-U.S. relations. Although he has hardly any U.S. experience (about two weeks total), he has an open mind and a generally positive view. An International Visitor program would allow him to learn firsthand about various aspects of the American political scene, including the functioning of legislative bodies and the private/government partnerships which have been developed to address environmental problems. He has the personality and the intellectual capacity to counter some of the traditional anti-Americanism of French intellectuals and politicians. The opportunity for him to learn about U.S. pollution control technologies could also bring business to American companies.

It is certainly in the interest of the U.S. government for this young political leader to have the opportunity to

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experience directly various aspects of U.S. political and
cultural life.
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NOM-OFF: APP Lille, France
SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: No
MEDIA?: No
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HOME-HOSP?: No
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START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Jean-Louis
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Valentin
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: Assemblee Nationale
M-ADDR2: 128, rue de l'Universite
M-ADDR3:
M-CITY: Paris
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: France
M-ZONE: 75007
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: + (33) 1.40.63.59.27
M-FAX: + (33) 1.40.63.50.93
M-EMAIL: jlvalentin@assemblee-nationale.fr
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 04/19/1964
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Paris
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Chief of Staff to the President of the National Assembly,
since June 2002
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2001-2002 - Advisor to M. Philippe Sequin, former minister,
President of the Accounting Court
1999-2000 - Advisor to M. Jean-Louis Debre, President of the RPR political party at the National Assembly
1997-1998 - Delegate to the International Relations for the
City of Paris
1995-1997 - Chief of Staff, Adviser to Mr. Jean-Louis Debre,
Minister of Interior
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
- Ankara - 2005, 2 day official travel
- Montreal - 2004, 1 day official travel
- Rome - 2002, 1 day official travel
- Berlin - 2002, 1 day official travel
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1988-1992
- Graduate of the National School of Administration (ENA)
- Graduate of the Science Politics Institute of Paris
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- Master of Public Law END MEMO EDUCATION:
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END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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ENGL-READ: 2
ENGL-SPEAK: 2
ENGL-COMP: 2
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
Nominee hopes to become an elected official. His ambition is
to win a seat in the National Assembly. If he should succeed
program could prompt a sympathetic, career-long interest in U.S. affairs.
in doing so, his having learned about the U.S. through the IV
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:
END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: William Owen; Marie-Claude Dumay
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Nominee is an active politician with ambitions to win elective
office -- though (like many members of the ruling UMP party)
he lost his bid last March for a regional counsellorship in
his native region of Normandy. Nominee is a well-respected,
up-and-coming member of the Gaullist "current" of the center-
right. His interest (and governing experience as a former
prefect and bureaucrat in the Ministry of the Interior following his graduation from France's elite Ecole Normale
d'Administration) is in domestic governance. In addition, as
Chief of Staff to the President of the National Assembly he
has considerable influence on legislators' approach to both domestic and international affairs matters. Nominee has never been to the U.S. A better understanding of the U.S. and the
U.S. policy-making process should inform -- to our benefit --
nominee's contributions to policy making in France.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
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SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: No
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: No
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END BTO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Christophe
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Bechu
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: Hotel du Departement
M-ADDR2: Place Michel Debre
M-ADDR3: BP 94104
M-CITY: Angers
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M-CNTRY: France
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M-FAX: + (33) 2.41.81.47.17
M-EMAIL:
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 06/11/1974
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Angers
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
President of the Maine-et-Loire General Council, since 2004
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
- President of the Departmental Fire and Rescue Service, since
2001
- General Counselor for the area of Angers-NorthWest, since
2001
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2000-2001 - Manager of "Craftelecom" (advising in
telecommunication)
1998-2001 - Deputy to the Mayor of Avrille END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
California - a few days a couple of years ago, study botanical
park
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
- 2002-2003 - Masters in Municipal Law
- 1997-1998 - Masters in Public Law
- 1993-1996 - Political Studies Institute, Paris
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 1
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START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
We hope Mr. Bechu will gain a better understanding of the U.S. political system, and greater knowledge of American values and
culture, thus promoting mutual understanding between our two
countries. We would also like to see him develop a network of
contacts in the U.S., especially at the county and municipal level, with whom he could exchange ideas about economic
development. This exchange of experiences would help promote economic development of the U.S. Ideally, Mr. Bechu will develop a greater appreciation for the U.S. that will incline him toward cooperation with the U.S., thus enhancing our own security, as he moves upward through the French political
ranks.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
Mr. Bechu should spend some time in Washington, DC to meet
with elected officials and government representatives, and to gain a better understanding of the U.S. political system. He
should also visit a few small cities where he can speak to
elected officials and economic development specialists to
share ideas on attracting jobs and business to smaller
municipalities.
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:
END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Gary A. Clements
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Christophe Bechu is the youngest person ever elected President of a General Council in France. He was elected a municipal
councilor of his hometown of Avrille even before completing
his studies at Sciences Po in Paris. Although clearly
ambitious, he has kept his focus on the demands of his current job, where he is responsible for a team of 1200 General
Council employees. He has made a point of visiting each canton of his department to listen to the needs of the
citizens. A devoted member of the conservative UMP party,
Bechu is nevertheless well liked by his political opponents,
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and respected for his efforts to improve the economic situation in Maine-et-Loire. Bechu has made only one brief
trip to the U.S. to study a botanical park that he hopes to recreate in his department as part of his economic development plan. He would thus benefit greatly from exposure to the American political system at this early stage in his promising
career. As he assumes positions of greater authority in the French government, his IV experience will make him more
inclined to work cooperatively with the U.S. on matters of
mutual interest.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION: NOM-OFF: APP Rennes, France SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: No
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: No
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COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
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VIS-CAT:
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Philippe
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Rouault
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: Palais Bourbon
M-ADDR2: Casier de la Poste
M-ADDR3: 126, rue de l'Universite
M-CITY: Paris
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: France
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M-PHONE: + (33) 1.40.63.60.00
M-FAX: + (33) 2.23.41.35.33
M-EMAIL:
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 12/17/1962
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Rennes
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Member of the French National Assembly, since 2002
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
- Committee Reporter for Ecology and Sustainable Development
at the French National Assembly, since 2002 - Member of the Ille-et-Vilaine General Council
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
  1995-2002 - Mayor of the town of Pace; General Councilor of
Ille-et-Vilaine
- University - 2002 - Environmental Engineer, specialized in
soil and water quality
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
two weeks vacation in 1999
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Cancun. Mexico in September 2003 to attend the WTO Convention END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Post Graduate Engineering Degree, University of Rennes I
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Masters of Biology, University of Rennes I B.S. in Biology, University of Rennes I END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
President of Young Social Democrats in 1989-1992
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 2
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START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
We hope Mr. Rouault will gain an understanding of the variety of approaches rural areas in the United States have used
successfully to ensure their economic survival and protection
of their environment.
Mr. Rouault will become an important opinion maker in France in the coming years and is potentially a valuable future contact for the USG. It is our hope that as a result of his
participation in the IV program, Philippe Rouault will be inclined to seek out U.S. views on agriculture, trade and other international affairs issues and to support cooperation
with the U.S. both privately and publicly.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
Mr. Rouault should learn about American political institutions
and should meet with elected officials so as to better understand the U.S. political system. Additionally, he should meet with high-profile farm leaders and U.S. policy makers
from farming regions with whom he can exchange views on
current trends in rural development.
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:
END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Eric Beaty
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Philippe Rouault, elected Member of the National Assembly in 2002, is a former mayor of the suburban town of Pace, and former member of the General Council of the Ille-et-Vilaine
Department. Rouault is a rising star in the UMP party and
achieved national prominence in September 2003 when he
attended the WTO Cancun Ministerial meeting as a special envoy
of the French Parliament. Rouault has always been interested
in French-American relations, but has had little direct exposure to the U.S. In his role as the committee reporter for the Environmental Commission of the French Parliament,
Rouault has taken a keen interest in rural development in
order to advance the interests of his largely rural
constituency. An IV program on rural development and
governance will enable Mr. Rouault to draw on the experiences
of rural communities in the U.S. in fashioning a strategy for
his district. It will also help ensure continued positive
relations between the U.S. and this young man with a bright political future.
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VIS-AMOUNT: 0 VIS-CAT: END BIO: START BIO: PREFIX: Mr. F-NAME: Olivier M-NAME: Yves Philippe L-NAME: Nocquet SUFFIX: POSITION-CODE: 0 PRINCIPAL?: No M-ADDR1: Permanence parlementaire M-ADDR2: du Senateur Jean Bizet M-ADDR3: Place de l'Eglise M-CITY: Le Teilleul M-STATE: M-CNTRY: France M-ZONE: 50640 M-ZIP: M-PHONE: + (33) 2.33.59.44.54 M-FAX: + (33) 2.33.59.72.23 M-EMAIL: o.nocquet@libertysurf.fr M-CNTRY-ID: FR M-ADDRTYPE: B GENDER: M DOB: 05/29/1970 MAR-STAT: M BIRTH-CITY: Boulogne Billancourt BIRTH-CNTRY: France CITIZ-CNTRY: France RES-CNTRY: France START MEMO POSITION: Parliamentary Assistant to Senator Jean Bizet of La Manche, since December 1996 END MEMO POSITION: START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS: END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS: START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS: END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS: START MEMO US-TRAVEL: none END MEMO US-TRAVEL: START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL: Italy, Spain, Slovenia - 1996-2000, holidays END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL: START MEMO EDUCATION: 1996 - DEA - Master's Degree in Political Sciences, University of Paris II END MEMO EDUCATION: START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS: END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS: START MEMO PUBLICATIONS: END MEMO PUBLICATIONS: START MEMO SPEC-CONSID: END MEMO SPEC-CONSID: FIRST-LANG: French ENGL-READ: 2 ENGL-SPEAK: 2 ENGL-COMP: 2 START OTHER-LANGS: OTHER-LANG: German OTHER-LANG-ID: GM READ: 0 SPEAK: 0 COMP: 0 END OTHER-LANGS: START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ: We hope Mr. Nocquet will gain an understanding on how rural areas cope with an evolving economy and ensuing population shifts, with a special focus on ways to attract new families, develop new business and maintain basic services. We would also like to see him develop a network of contacts in the U.S., especially at the county and municipal level, with whom he could exchange ideas about economic development. Ideally, Mr Nocquet will develop a greater appreciation for the U.S. that will incline him toward cooperation with the U.S. as he moves upward through the French political ranks. END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ: START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD: Mr Nocquet should spend some time in Washington, DC to meet with elected officials and government representatives. This will enable him to gain a better understanding of the U.S. political system, and of federal government programs that address economic development. He should also visit a few small cities in rural areas where he can speak to elected officials and economic development specialists to share ideas on how to integrate development goals in a mixed rural/urban setting. END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD: START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-REC: NOMINATING-OFFICER: Emilie Salieges START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION: Olivier Nocquet is the young, energetic and very forwardlooking parliamentary assistant of Senator Jean Bizet, the UMP Senator from the La Manche department of Normandy. A junior politician-in-the-making, Mr. Nocquet is committed to the Normandy region through both family ties and his personal desire to assist his native region in its attempt to gain a more solid economic and political footing. La Manche is home to the largest number of agricultural enterprises in the Normandy region. Characterized by small towns that rely on a rural economy, La Manche is very concerned by agricultural issues between France, the U.S. and the E.U. It faces problems like rural migration to urban areas, closings of small businesses and unfavorable implementation of farming quota policies. In this regard, Mr. Nocquet works hard with Senator Jean Bizet, a very pro-American Senator who is the head of the Senate's Biotechnology Committee and special assistant to the Foreign Trade Minister, to ensure rural economic survival in this part of France. Although Mr. Nocquet is very professional, he appears to APP Rennes staff to have little concrete information on the U.S., its policies and rural development practices. We believe that an IV grant for Mr. Nocquet would provide him with the contacts and factual information he needs to promote a mutually beneficial dialogue between the U.S. and the agricultural stronghold he serves. END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION: NOM-OFF: APP Rennes, France SPEAKER?: No NOTIFY-EMB: No MEDIA?: No HOME-STAY: No HOME-HOSP?: No E-I-TYPE: NOMINEE-ID: 564 PERSON-ID: 252 BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: FR CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: FR RES-CNTRY-ID: FR FIRST-LANG-ID: FR E-I-TYPE-ID: NOM-POST-ID: 14544 NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 0 NOM-STATUS: N DS2019-ACTION: 1 DS2019-SUBJECT: SPONS-FUNDS: 0 SPONS-AGENCY1: USGOVT-AGENCY1: US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0 USGOVT-AGENCY2: US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0 INTL-ORG1: INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0 INTL-ORG2: INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0 VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0 COMMISSION: 0 OTHER-AMOUNT: 0 VIS-AMOUNT: 0 VIS-CAT: END BIO: END NOMINATION: END FIXED-FORMAT TEXT:

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